Violation of Foreign Exchange Regulations

4466. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of a case of the gross violation of Foreign Exchange Regulations committed by one of the owners of a National Newspaper, also serving on the Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) way back in 1987 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the file containing relevant records pointing to establishment of the offence was sent by the Delhi Zonal Office to the Directorate of Enforcement, Headquarters, following a probe, when the matter was reported in the Statesman in 1987 and it has been hushed up and the file is gathering dust in the Headquarters ;

(c) if so, whether Government would trace the file and reopen the case for the sake of justice; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) The Directorate of Enforcement did receive a complaint containing allegations of FERA violations by Shri A. K. Jain of M/s. Sahu Jain Group/ Benett Coleman & Co. Investigations in respect of one of the allegations was closed due to lack of evidence, while investigation in respect of the other allegation is in progress.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Inflation and Price Mechanism

4467. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the inflation rate which was below 7 per cent has gone up to 9 per cent in the middle of March, 1994 and it is absolutely necessary for the Government to control the price mechanism in the country ; and

(b) what steps the Government are taking to bring down the inflation trend and also controlling the price rise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The annual rate of inflation remained around 7 per cent upto middle of August, 1993 and rose to over 9 per cent from 8th January, 1994 reaching 9.87% by 19th March, 1994.

(b) Steps taken by the Government for moderating the rise in prices have been in the direction of augmenting supplies of essential commodities through increased allocation in PDS, open market sales of wheat and rice by FCI, and import of essential commodities such as sugar and edible oils.

Foreign Media Magnates Visit to India

4468. Will the Minister of INFORMATION and BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign media magnates who came to India during the last one year, as on date ;

(b) the purpose of their visits ;

(c) the gist of their talks with leaders of the country ; and

(d) the reaction of Government to their talks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Details of such visits are not maintained since they are generally of private nature.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Guidelines of Advertisements on Doordarshan

4469. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION and BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the guidelines Government have issued for clearing of advertisements on Doordarshan ;

(b) cases of violation of the guidelines, if any, during the last one year ; and

(c) whether any fresh guidelines have been issued and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The telecast of advertisements over Doordarshan is governed by the Code for Commercial Advertising.

(b) According to Doordarshan, no complaint of violation of guidelines was received during the period.

(c) Code for Commercial Advertising has recently modified allowing telecast of advertisements relating to the following :—

(i) Jewellery or precious stones.
(ii) Matrimonial agencies.
(iii) Astrologers/Numerologists.
(iv) Mutual funds approved by SEBI.
(v) Hair dyes.
(vi) Foreign products
(vii) Foreign banks including financial services.

Services of Consultancy etc. to Third World Countries

4470. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to provide consultancy, project management and other television expertise to third world countries ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) This Ministry does not directly provide such services.

(b) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में उच्च-शक्ति वाले दूरदर्शन प्रसारण केन्द्र

4471. **श्री विलोप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वित्तीय वर्ष 1994-95 और आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में उच्च शक्ति वाले दूरदर्शन प्रसारण-केन्द्रों की स्थापना की जाएगी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका जिलावार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस वर्ष के वित्तीय बजट में इस प्रयोजनार्थ धनराशि आबंटित की है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । अंबिकापुर (जिला सरगूजा), गुना (जिला गुना) तथा शहडोल (जिला शहडोल) में उच्च शक्ति के ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित किए जाने की परिकल्पना है ।

(ग) से (ङ) वर्ष 1994-95 के बजट अनुमान में 22.00 लाख रुपये का प्रावधान दिया गया है ।

Air Programmes in Orissa

4472. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state : (a) whether it is a fact that though there are about 9 AIR Stations functioning in Orissa, there are pockets like Deogarh, Palakhemundi and some areas in Phulbani District where Radio programmes are not properly received ;

(b) what Government propose to do in this regard ; and

(c) whether Government would consider to set up a transmitter at Cuttack or Bhubaneswar to overcome the obstructions caused by hill ; if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Palakhemundi and whole Phulbani district receive primary grade day time coverage from existing A.I.R. transmitter in Orissa. The coverage is Deogarh and Phulbani districts is expected to be strengthened after the completion of ongoing scheme of 100 KW MW Transmitter (in place of 20 KW MW Transmitter) at Sambalpur.

(c) There is already a 100 KW MW transmitter and a 1 KW MW transmitter at Cuttack. Additionally a 50 KW SW transmitter is being established at Jeypore. On its completion, SW support service will be available to the entire State of Orissa. There is no proposal to set up a transmitter at Bhubaneswar.